



Maui County Council on Aging

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COUNCIL ON AGING (COA)

March 7, 2023

12:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via BlueJeans Video/Teleconference

Meeting Link: <https://bluejeans.com/919906433>

Call to Order: 12:31 pm

Members Present: Vice Chair Ed Romson, Council Members Jim Diegel, Teana Kaho'ohanohano, Leonardo Sequeira, Michael Lilly, Laura Vo, Valerie Kalaniopio-Cook, and Deldrine Manera

Members Excused: Council Members John Tomoso, Elaine Slavinsky, Helen Tabura, and YukiLei Sugimura

Members Unexcused Absent: Council Members Edwina Wilson-Snyder and Arleen Gerbig

County Staff Present: MCOA Executive on Aging Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Program Specialists Claudette Medeiros, Dionne Carvalho, Vicki Belluomini, Program Manager Sanya Lucas, Secretary Rae-Ann Pagatpatan, and Deputy Corporation Counsel Caleb Rowe

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	Vice Chair Ed Romson called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.	
2. Roll Call	Staff member conducted Roll Call. 8 members were present and 4 members were excused absent and 2 members were unexcused absent. Also, one vacancy with the prior resignation of former Chair Debbie Cabebe.	
3. Public Testimony on Agenda Items	None	
4. Approval of Minutes: October 11, 2022	Members reviewed the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes.	Council member Sequeira moved to approve the minutes; Council Member Manera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. New Business	A. Introduction of New Council Member – Deldrine Manera (Moloka'i) – No action is required. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Council Member introduced herself and how she is excited to be involved with this Council and help the Molokai community.	



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B. Council on Aging Membership Status – Update provided by Rowena Dagdag-Andaya on the status of vacancies and appointments to the Council on Aging.
– No action is required.

- The County Council Government, Relations, Ethics and Transparency (GREAT) Committee in the process of re-appointing three councilmembers for Council on Aging. The following members' terms will be extended: Ed Romson, Elaine Slavinsky & Deldrine Manera. There is also one more vacancy to fill since the resignation of former chair Cabebe.

C. USAging Public Policy Update – Presentation provided by Deborah Stone-Walls.

- 1) The Council may ask questions, discuss concerns, or provide input on the presentation.
- Ms. Stone-Walls provide a PowerPoint Presentation which will be shared after this meeting. The presentation introduced the various policy opportunities in 2023. Four of the priorities are as follows: Older Americans Act Funding, Caregivers, Medicaid HCBS and Aligning health and social care models to improve care and reduce costs.
 - She also explained about the Workforce Bills such as Beatter Care Better Jobs Act & HCBS Access Act
 - Requesting help to help raise awareness and advocacy
 - More info can be found on www.usaging.org/policypriorities
 - As far as the OAA Funding priority, Vice Chair Romson asked if Native Hawaiians (Kanaka Maoli) are included in the Title VI Native American Aging Programs. Yes, these include the three nations of Native Alaskans, Native Americans and Native Hawaiians.

D. Hale Makua Continuum of Healthcare Programs – Presentation provided by Hale Makua Representative.

- 1) The Council may ask questions, discuss concerns, or provide input on the presentation.
- Councilmember Kahooohanohano introduced Hale Makua's Workforce Development Programs.



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- The two programs are as follows:
 - CNA to LPN Bridge Program
 - Nurse Residency Program
- Two partnerships and projects are:
 - Community Health Worker High School Pipeline
 - Clinical Site for Nursing students
- The Goals that Hale Makua is trying to foster are:
 - Build capacity to develop and implement a nursing career ladder model starting for individuals 16-26 years old
 - Ensure a continuous stream of healthcare workers in kūpuna care
 - Create opportunities for local talent to train and advance their healthcare career on their home island
- Objectives are as follows:
 - Community Health Worker pathway development from high school
 - Increase the number of CNAs on Maui
 - Build a career and educational pathway from CNA to licensed nurse
- Councilmember Manera commented on how well her mom is taken care of at Hale Makua facility. Also she expressed excitement in hopes that local Molokai residents will remain on island to care for those their communities in the professional roles
- More information will be provided to councilmembers after the meeting.

E. Four Year Area Plan on Aging (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2027)

- 1) Update on the development of the Four-Year Area Plan
 - Executive on Aging Dagdag-Andaya mentioned that the draft is due at the end of May. The final copy is due at the end of September.
 - She has dates to visit the following areas later this month: Molokai 3/15, Lanai 3/27 and Hana 3/29.
- 2) Council members may discuss suggestions, concerns, or provide input on the Four-Year Area Plan on Aging
 - No discussion



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	<p>F. Regional/Area Reports – Updates provide by Council on Aging Members. The Council may provide comments and discuss reports.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Hana: None 2.) Lanai: Reported provided by Council member Tabura. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember provided a report. Members are able to read about it in the agenda packet. 3.) Molokai: Report provided by Council member Deldrine Manera. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Manera went over her report. • Emphasized the need of skilled nursing facilities on Molokai as there's only one care home on the island with only two beds. • Health care services on the island is poor and getting appointment for specialty care is hard to get. Does not help that the airlines have been experiencing a lot of flight interruptions as well. • Drug abuse on the island is also a large problem. • Lack of staffing and nurses. Vice Chair will look into any help he can refer there. 4.) Veterans: None 	
6. Unfinished Business	None	
7. Maui County Office on Aging Report	<p>A. Budget B. Personnel/Staffing Updates C. Projects/Initiatives D. Community Outreach and Visits E. Service Delivery Report</p> <p>The commission may discuss the update and provide comments to the MCOA staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive on Aging covered the topics listed on her report that was provided in the materials packet. • She highlighted the various vacancies in the Office on Aging. She is finding that we are competing with the Department of Education. • MCOA is looking for individuals with assessment skills, writing skills for narratives and those who 	



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	have a passion to work with those of the aging population and persons with disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Caregiving workshops have been put on the outer islands.	
8. Upcoming Events/Announcements	Members are encouraged to share any upcoming events known to be happening across Maui County over the next few months. <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Outstanding Older American – Outstanding Older Americans are recognized in the month of May.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nomination forms are being collected through March 31, 2023Awards event will be May 5, 2023Council on Aging members are no eligible to be nominated but they can encourage nominees.	
9. Agenda Setting for Next Meeting	Please send any suggestions to Staff Secretary.	
10. Next Meeting	The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 12:30pm. The meeting will be done virtually, using video/teleconferencing and possibly a Physical Location. More information to come.	
11. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.	

Submitted by Rae-Ann Pagatpatan, 4/3/2023